

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 21-23, and 26 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An inspection device for inspecting an ophthalmic lens for defects, comprising: an ultrasonic processor; ~~with a sonotrode and~~ a holding container open at the top and filled with a test liquid at a level sufficient high so that, ~~wherein one or more ophthalmic lenses to be inspected are placed in the holding container and~~ are surrounded entirely by the test liquid in the holding container; and a sonotrode, ~~wherein the sonotrode is~~ immersed in the test liquid in such a way that ultrasonic waves emanating from the sonotrode are transferred to the test liquid to ~~for creating~~ create a sufficiently high and homogeneous ultrasonic field which allows to identify ~~capable of destroying only~~ defective lenses located in the holding container ~~because they are destroyed when exposed to the ultrasonic field while perfect lenses remain undamaged.~~
2. (cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic field has a power intensity ~~lies in the range~~ of 80-150 W/cm².
4. (previously amended) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the holding container is of cylindrical shape.
5. (Currently amended) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic ~~processor~~ operates in field ~~has a frequency range of from~~ 20 to 30 kHz.
6. (previously amended) An inspection device according to claim ~~15~~, wherein the ultrasonic field ~~has a frequency~~ lies in the range of from 23 to 25 kHz.
7. (previously amended) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the butt end of the sonotrode has a diameter of 14 mm.
8. (previously amended) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the holding container is mounted on a spring-loaded holding plate.
9. (previously amended) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the sonotrode is surrounded by a sealing sleeve which seals off the holding container during immersion of the sonotrode.
10. (previously amended) A method of inspecting ophthalmic lenses for defects, comprising the steps of: placing the ophthalmic lenses in a holding container filled with a test liquid in such a way that the test liquid surrounds entirely the ophthalmic lenses; and exposing the ophthalmic lenses to an ultrasonic field thereby leading to destruction of defective lenses.
11. (Cancelled)

12. (previously amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the power intensity of the ultrasonic field lies in the range of 80 to 150 W/cm².
13. (previously amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein an ultrasonic processor with a sonotrode is used to produce the ultrasonic field.
14. (previously amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein a cylindrical holding container is used to position the ophthalmic lenses in the test liquid.
15. (previously amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the frequency range is from 20 to 30 kHz.
16. (previously amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the frequency range is from 23 to 25 kHz.
17. (previously amended) A method according to claim 13, wherein a sonotrode with a butt end of 14 mm diameter is used.
18. (previously amended) A method according to claim 13, wherein the sonotrode is surrounded by a sealing sleeve which seals off the holding container during immersion of the sonotrode.
19. (previously amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein ophthalmic lenses are soft contact lenses.
20. (Previously added) An inspection device according to claim 1, wherein the ophthalmic lenses are contact lenses.
21. (Currently amended) An inspection device of claim ~~13~~, wherein the ultrasonic field has a power intensity ~~lies in the range~~ of 136-140 W/cm².
22. (Currently amended) An inspection device according to claim 3, wherein the ultrasonic field has ~~processor (2) operates in a frequency range of~~ from 20 to 30 kHz.
23. (Currently amended) An inspection device according to claim ~~322~~, wherein the ultrasonic field has a frequency ~~lies in the range~~ of from 23 to 25 kHz.
24. (Previously added) A method of claim 10, wherein the ophthalmic lenses are contact lenses.
25. (Previously added) A method of claim 12, wherein the power intensity of the ultrasonic field is 138 W/cm².
26. (Currently amended) A method of claim 12, wherein an ultrasonic processor ~~(2)~~ with a sonotrode ~~(4)~~ is used to produce the ultrasonic field.